Funds for Projects in Arunachal Pradesh

†626.SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has, recently raised objection to an application sent to the Asian Development Bank for financial assistance work amounting to nearly three billion rupees for a project on water harvesting development and flood control in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the initiative that Government has taken at international level against this stand taken by China;

(d) whether Government is ready to counter the policy of direct confrontation adopted by China against India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) to (e) China did not endorse the Country Partnership Strategy [CPS] 2009-12 for India in the Board of the Asian Development Bank [ADB] on the ground that the proposed India CPS involved technical assistance funding for the Flood and River Erosion Management Project in Arunachal Pradesh which China claims is its territory. Government has clearly conveyed to the Chinese side that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India. Government has also told the ADB and all member countries of the ADB which have Executive Directors on its Board, including the US, Japan, Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Germany and Italy that (i) the CPS is not a political document and it does not make any judgment as to the legal or other status of any territories; and (ii) China's objection on political grounds is a clear violation of the ADB's Charter which prohibits the Bank from evaluating any proposal on grounds other than economic.

India's CPS was discussed in the Meeting of the Board of Executive Directors of the ADB on 15 June 2009, and all member countries except China supported the document.

Government are committed to seeking a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the India-China boundary question through peaceful and friendly consultations with China.

Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's interests and takes all necessary measures to protect them.

Urban Slums in UP

627. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.